WHEREAS, A significant number of residents of South Dakota are of finnish descent; and,

WHEREAS, This distinguished group citizens has contributed substantially in many ways to the pioneer settlement and subsequent development of the great State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, This ethnic group through the years has continually honored their heritage with great fortitude and an enviable sense of humor as recipients of numerous amusing but questionable and unlikely tales of Finnish endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, Descendants of this noteworthy nationality have adopted the renowned St. Urho as the Patron Saint of the Pinnish people in commoration of his great deed, saving the grape crop in Finland by driving the grasshoppers out of that untry with the now famous words, "Heinäsirkka, heinäsirkka, mene täältä niiteen";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANK? DW. Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 16, 1979, and March 16 of all the years to come as

ST. URHO'S DAY

in South Dakots to be celebrated accordingly by all people of Finnish descent and friends.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine

ATTEST:

ALICE HUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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